



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Diabetes affects approximately 29.1 million people in the United States, accounting for just under 10 percent of the nation's population. Unfortunately, this chronic condition is the immediate or underlying cause of many deaths throughout our nation; and
- WHEREAS: Of those affected by diabetes, roughly 8 million individuals are not aware that they have the disease. Further, an estimated 86 million American adults have pre-diabetes, which puts them at a heightened risk for Type 2 diabetes; and
- WHEREAS: Diabetes is a severe disease for which there is no known cure. Among diseases, diabetes is the seventh most common cause of death in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: More than one million Georgians are estimated to have diabetes, and diabetes contributes to the death of more than 1,000 Georgians each year; and
- WHEREAS: Type 1 diabetes, often diagnosed in children, is an autoimmune disease that limits the production of insulin, a hormone that enables the body to extract energy from food. The causes of Type 1 diabetes are not well understood and at this time there is no prevention or cure; and
- WHEREAS: Type 2 diabetes, which accounts for more than 90 percent of diabetes cases, has been linked to older age and genetic predisposition. Type 2 diabetes may also be associated with obesity and inactivity in younger individuals; and
- WHEREAS: Diabetes can cause serious complications including heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, and blindness. The onset of diabetes may be rapid and those affected will often need insulin injections or an insulin pump after diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is committed to improving the health of citizens and providing opportunities for citizens to achieve greater levels of overall health. Greater awareness of the risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that those affected will receive the treatment they need; and
- WHEREAS: Diabetes Awareness Month provides an opportunity for citizens to become involved in the fight against diabetes, increase awareness of the risk factors for diabetes, and provide support for those living with diabetes; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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